

**MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST
DETERMINATION OF ELIGIBILITY FORM**

Property Name: Swisher-Martin Farmstead Inventory Number: WA-I-247
Address: 18860 Air View Road Historic district: yes ☒ no
City: Hagerstown Zip Code: _____ County: Washington
USGS Quadrangle(s): Hagerstown
Property Owner: Washington County Tax Account ID Number: 38
Tax Map Parcel Number(s): 24 Tax Map Number: 10
Project: Hagerstown Airport 5-year CIP Agency: FAA
Agency Prepared By: Martin Abbott, URS
Preparer's Name: _____ Date Prepared: 9/1/2001
Documentation is presented in: MIHP Form
Preparer's Eligibility Recommendation: _____ Eligibility recommended ☒ Eligibility not recommended
Criteria: A B C D Considerations: A B C D E F G
Complete if the property is a contributing or non-contributing resource to a NR district/property:
Name of the District/Property: _____
Inventory Number: _____ Eligible: yes Listed: yes
Site visit by MHT Staff yes ☒ no Name: _____ Date: _____

Description of Property and Justification: *(Please attach map and photo)*

The Swisher-Martin farmstead does not appear eligible for listing in the NRHP under Criteria A, B, C, or D. The resource does not appear significant for its method of construction or architecture. The farmstead has been heavily altered from its original appearance, compromising its architectural integrity. Alterations include the demolition of the farmhouse and the construction of modern outbuildings. As a result of these wholesale changes, the barn and related historic outbuildings no longer retain their historic context, and the property's integrity of design, materials, workmanship, and feeling has been compromised. Architecturally, the barn is a fairly typical bank barn, not unlike many found throughout Washington County. Moreover, archival research conducted at local and county libraries and historical societies, and investigations of cultural resource studies at MHT have produced no information indicating the resource to be significant for its association with significant events or persons, or for its ability to yield information important in historic or prehistory.

MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST REVIEW

Eligibility recommended _____ Eligibility not recommended ☒
Criteria: A B C D Considerations: A B C D E F G
MHT Comments:

Tania Georgiou Tully
Reviewer, Office of Preservation Services

Wednesday, October 17, 2001
Date

Reviewer, National Register Program

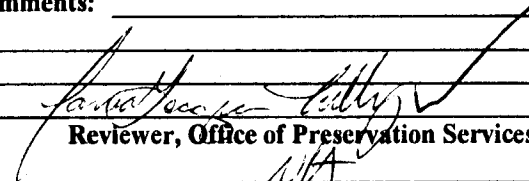
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Summary Table- Historic Architectural Resources

URS Survey No.	Resource	MIHP Inventory No.	Historic Resource	Date or Period	Style/Type	NRHP Status
2	Swisher-Martin Farmstead	WA-I-247	Barn and Outbuildings	c. 1880	n/a	NE
3	18910 Air View Road	WA-I-479	Farm Complex	c. 1910	Duplex-Type	NE
4	14201 Pennsylvania Avenue	WA-I-470	Dwelling	1916	Four-square	NE
5	14511 Byers Road	WA-I-694	Dwelling	1897	Side-gabled vernac.	NE
6	14225 Basore Road	WA-I-695	Dwelling	Mid-20th c.	Cape Cod	NE
7	14216 Maugansville Road	WA-I-696	Dwelling	1926	Four-square	NE
8	14219 Maugansville Road	WA-I-697	Dwelling	Late-19th c.	n/a	NE
9	14220 Maugansville Road	WA-I-698	Dwelling	Mid-20th c.	Cape Cod	NE
10	14225 Maugansville Road	WA-I-703	Dwelling	Late-19th c.	Side-gabled vernac.	NE
11	14402 Maugansville Road	WA-I-699	Farm Complex	moved 1925	Duplex-Type	NE
12	17701 Reiff Church Road	WA-I-701	Farm Complex	Mid-19th c.	Duplex-Type	NE
13	17706 Reiff Church Road	WA-I-702	Dwelling	Late-19th c.	Side-gabled vernac.	NE
14	17806 Reiff Church Road	WA-I-262	Farm Complex	c. 1855	Duplex-Type	NE
15	17811 Reiff Church Road	WA-I-261	Farm Complex	1790	Duplex-Type	NE
16	14204 Daley Road	WA-I-700	Dwelling	Late-19th c.	Duplex-Type	NE

E = Eligible
NE = Not Eligible

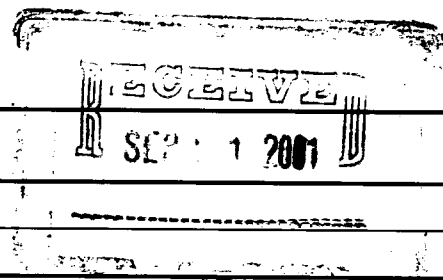
MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST REVIEW	
Eligibility recommended _____	Eligibility not recommended <u>X</u>
Criteria: <u> A </u> <u> B </u> <u> C </u> <u> D </u>	Considerations: <u> A </u> <u> B </u> <u> C </u> <u> D </u> <u> E </u> <u> F </u> <u> G </u> None
Comments: _____	

 Reviewer, Office of Preservation Services	<u>10/17/01</u> Date
Reviewer, NR program	Date

WA-I-247

Maryland Historical Trust Maryland Inventory of Historic Properties Form

Inventory No. WA-I-247



1. Name of Property (indicate preferred name)

historic Swisher-Martin Farmstead
other

2. Location

street and number 18860 Air View Road not for publication
city, town Hagerstown x vicinity
county Washington

3. Owner of Property (give names and mailing addresses of all owners)

name Washington County
street and number Washington County Courthouse, 100 W. Washington St. telephone
city, town Hagerstown state MD zip code 21740

4. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Washington County Register of Deeds Office liber 1362 folio 1074
city, town Hagerstown tax map 10 tax parcel 24 tax ID number 38

5. Primary Location of Additional Data

- ☐ Contributing Resource in National Register District
☐ Contributing Resource in Local Historic District
☐ Determined Eligible for the National Register/Maryland Register
☐ Determined Ineligible for the National Register/Maryland Register
☐ Recorded by HABS/HAER
☐ Historic Structure Report or Research Report at MHT
☒ Other: Previous Survey Form (WA-I-247)

6. Classification

Category	Ownership	Current Function		Resource Count	
<input type="checkbox"/> district	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> public	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> landscape	Contributing	Noncontributing
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> building(s)	<input type="checkbox"/> private	<input type="checkbox"/> commerce/trade	<input type="checkbox"/> recreation/culture	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/> buildings
<input type="checkbox"/> structure	<input type="checkbox"/> both	<input type="checkbox"/> defense	<input type="checkbox"/> religion	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/> sites
<input type="checkbox"/> site		<input type="checkbox"/> domestic	<input type="checkbox"/> social	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/> structures
<input type="checkbox"/> object		<input type="checkbox"/> education	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/> objects
		<input type="checkbox"/> funerary	<input type="checkbox"/> work in progress	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/> Total
		<input type="checkbox"/> government	<input type="checkbox"/> unknown		
		<input type="checkbox"/> health care	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> vacant/not in use	Number of Contributing Resources previously listed in the Inventory	
		<input type="checkbox"/> industry	<input type="checkbox"/> other:	<input type="checkbox"/>	

7. Description

Inventory No. WA-I-247

Condition

<input type="checkbox"/> excellent	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> deteriorated
<input type="checkbox"/> good	<input type="checkbox"/> ruins
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> fair	<input type="checkbox"/> altered

Prepare both a one paragraph summary and a comprehensive description of the resource and its various elements as it exists today.

The Swisher-Martin Farmstead consists of a c. 1880 bank barn; early-twentieth century cart shed, chicken house, and field shed; and non-historic office, storehouse, and two silos. The farmhouse associated with this property was demolished in 1993, which is the same year the property was purchased by Washington County. The property is vacant and overgrown, but appears to have been active up until 1993.

The barn is a large frame standard Pennsylvania bank barn built circa 1880. The barn is sheathed with shiplap siding and its gable roof is covered with standing seam metal. The foundation is stone. It has vertical board wooden wagon doors on its west façade and louver windows in the gable end. The south foundation wall has been patched in certain locations with concrete block and one of the interior foundation walls was entirely replaced with concrete block. The barn is in fair condition. However, due to a lack of maintenance, it is slowly deteriorating, with sections of roofing missing. The garage, chicken house, and field shed are all historic buildings and appear to date from the early twentieth century. The garage and chicken house have shiplap siding and standing seam metal roofing.

8. Significance

Inventory No. WA-I-247

Period	Areas of Significance	Check and justify below		
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> economics	<input type="checkbox"/> health/medicine	<input type="checkbox"/> performing arts
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology	<input type="checkbox"/> education	<input type="checkbox"/> industry	<input type="checkbox"/> philosophy
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input type="checkbox"/> architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> engineering	<input type="checkbox"/> invention	<input type="checkbox"/> politics/government
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1900-1999	<input type="checkbox"/> art	<input type="checkbox"/> entertainment/ recreation	<input type="checkbox"/> landscape architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> religion
<input type="checkbox"/> 2000-	<input type="checkbox"/> commerce	<input type="checkbox"/> ethnic heritage	<input type="checkbox"/> law	<input type="checkbox"/> science
	<input type="checkbox"/> communications	<input type="checkbox"/> exploration/ settlement	<input type="checkbox"/> literature	<input type="checkbox"/> social history
	<input type="checkbox"/> community planning		<input type="checkbox"/> maritime history	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
	<input type="checkbox"/> conservation		<input type="checkbox"/> military	<input type="checkbox"/> other:

Specific dates

Architect/Builder

Construction dates barn – c. 1880

Evaluation for:

☒ National Register

☐ Maryland Register

☐ not evaluated

Prepare a one-paragraph summary statement of significance addressing applicable criteria, followed by a narrative discussion of the history of the resource and its context. (For compliance projects, complete evaluation on a DOE Form – see manual.)

As revealed by the 1859 Taggart map, this property was owned by John McKee, but there was not a dwelling in this location. The 1877 Lake, Griffing, & Stevenson atlas depicts the presence of a dwelling under the ownership of G. Swisher. This property was documented in 1977 on an MHT survey form, and that form notes the farmhouse, since demolished, was built c. 1890. This property was known as the Martin Farm in 1977. The barn and related historic outbuildings were built in the late nineteenth century. It is unclear if they were related to the 1877 G. Swisher occupation, or the later c. 1890 dwelling documented in 1977.

The Swisher-Martin Farmstead does not appear eligible for listing on the National Register of Historic Places under Criteria A, B, C, or D (as specified in 36 CFR 60.4). The resource does not appear significant for its method of construction or architecture (Criterion C). The farmstead has been heavily altered from its original appearance, compromising its architectural integrity. Alterations include the demolition of the farmhouse and the construction of modern outbuildings. As a result of these wholesale changes, the barn and related historic outbuildings no longer retain their historic context, and the property's integrity of design, materials, workmanship, and feeling has been compromised. Architecturally, the barn is a fairly typical bank barn, not unlike many found throughout Washington County. Moreover, archival research conducted at local and county libraries and historical societies, and investigations of cultural resource studies at MHT have produced no information indicating the resource to be significant for its associations with significant events or persons, or for its ability to yield information important in prehistory or history (Criteria A, B, and D).

Bibliography

Lake, Griffing, & Stevenson

1877 *An Illustrated Atlas of Washington County, Maryland*. Lake, Griffing, & Stevenson, Philadelphia. On file at the Western Maryland Room, Washington County Free Library, Hagerstown, MD.

Taggart, Thomas

1859 *A Map of Washington Co. Maryland*. On file at Washington County Historical Society, Hagerstown, MD.

Washington County Historical Sites Survey

1977 Maryland Historical Trust Inventory Forms – Martin Farm (WA-I-247). On file at the Washington County Historical Society, Hagerstown, MD.

9. Major Bibliographical References

Inventory No. WA-I-247

See Section 8

10. Geographical Data

Acreage of surveyed property 97.30 acres
Acreage of historical setting _____
Quadrangle name Hagerstown

Quadrangle scale: 1:24,000

Verbal boundary description and justification

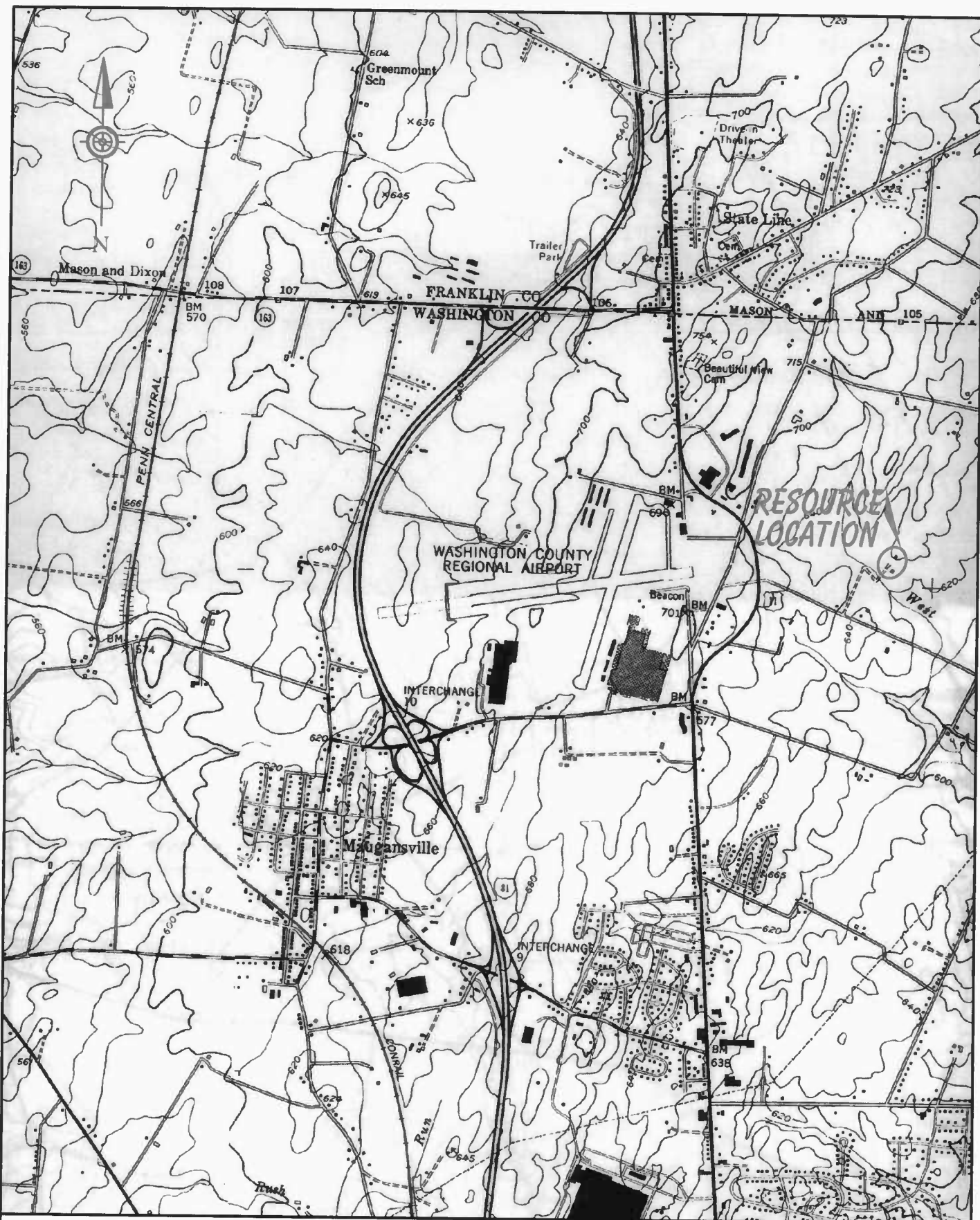
11. Form Prepared by

name/title	Martin Abbot, Architectural Historian		
organization	URS Corporation	date	September, 2001
street & number	671 Moore Road	telephone	610-337-3666
city or town	King of Prussia	state	PA

The Maryland Inventory of Historic Properties was officially created by an Act of the Maryland Legislature to be found in the Annotated Code of Maryland, Article 41, Section 181 KA, 1974 supplement.

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return to: Maryland Historical Trust
DHCD/DHCP
100 Community Place
Crownsville, MD 21032-2023
410-514-7600



RESOURCE
LOCATION

PROPERTY: Swisher- Martin Farmstead (URS Survey No. 2)

INVENTORY NUMBER: WA-I-247

HAGERSTOWN, WASHINGTON COUNTY

HAGERSTOWN/MASON-DIXON USGS QUADRANGLE

URS



#WA-I-247

SWISHER-MARTIN FARMSTEAD

WASHINGTON COUNTY, MD

Martin Abbot

8-6-01

URS Corp. 671 Moore Rd
King of Prussia PA

BARN - LOOKING SOUTH

1/9



#WA-I-247

SWISHER-MARTIN FARMSTEAD

WASHINGTON COUNTY, MD

Martin Abbot

8-6-01

URS Corp. 671 Moore Rd.

King of Prussia PA

BARN-LOOKING NE

2/9



#WA-I-247

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SWISHER-MARTIN FARM STEAD
WASHINGTON COUNTY MD

Martin Abbot

8-6-01

URS Corp. 271 Moore Rd
King of Prussia PA

BARN-LOOKING NW

3/9

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SWISHER-MARTIN FARMSTEAD

WASHINGTON COUNTY MD

Martin Abbot

8-6-01

GRS Corp. 671 Moore Rd

King of Prussia PA

LOOKING SOUTH @ BARNYARD

& SILO

4/9

< 005 73+00 3CCNH-08AU 0087



WA-I-247

CUNNINGHAM-MARTIN FARMSTEAD

WASHINGTON COUNTY MD

Martin Abbot

8-6-01

URS Corp. 671 Moore Rd

King of Prussia PA

LOOKING WEST @ GARAGE

5/9

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SWISHER-MARTIN FARMSTEAD

WASHINGTON COUNTY MD

Martin Abbot

8-6-61

VRS Corp. 671 Moore Rd
King of Prussia PA

LOOKING WEST @ FIELD
SHED

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#WA-I-247

SWISHER-MARTIN FARMSTEAD

WASHINGTON COUNTY MD

Martin Abbot

8-6-01

URS Corp. 671 Moore Rd
King of Prussia
PA

LOOKING N @ CHICKEN
HOUSE

6/9

2014 73-01 300M-0500 0087



#WA-I-247

SWISHER-MARTIN FARMSTEAD

WASHINGTON COUNTY MD

Martin Abbot

8-6-01

ORS Corp 671 Moore Rd
King of Prussia PA

LOOKING NORTH @ STOREHOUSE

8/9

2013 73-01 300M-07AU 0087



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Swisher-Martin Farmstead
Washington County MD
Martin Abbot

8-6-01

ONS Corp 671 Moore Rd
Killing of Prosser PA

LOOKING L. @ OFFICE

9/9

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ABSTRACT

WA-I-247

19th Century

Martin Farm

Maugansville Vicinity

private

Although the extensive alterations to this brick veneered house decrease its architectural significance, its four bay, off center front door plan represents an important local type.

MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST

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WA-1-247

District 27

Map 24

Parcel 27

2202345404

INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

1 NAME

HISTORIC

AND/OR COMMON

Martin Farm

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER

Eden Road

CITY, TOWN

North of Hagerstown

☒ VICINITY OF Maugansville

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

STATE

Maryland

COUNTY

Washington

3 CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY

☐ DISTRICT
☒ BUILDING(S)
☐ STRUCTURE
☐ SITE
☐ OBJECT

OWNERSHIP

☐ PUBLIC
☒ PRIVATE
☐ BOTH
PUBLIC ACQUISITION
☐ IN PROCESS
☐ BEING CONSIDERED

STATUS

☒ OCCUPIED
☐ UNOCCUPIED
☐ WORK IN PROGRESS
ACCESSIBLE
☐ YES: RESTRICTED
☐ YES: UNRESTRICTED
☒ NO

PRESENT USE

☒ AGRICULTURE
☐ COMMERCIAL
☐ EDUCATIONAL
☐ ENTERTAINMENT
☐ GOVERNMENT
☐ INDUSTRIAL
☐ MILITARY
☐ MUSEUM
☐ PARK
☒ PRIVATE RESIDENCE
☐ RELIGIOUS
☐ SCIENTIFIC
☐ TRANSPORTATION
☐ OTHER

4 OWNER OF PROPERTY

NAME

Noah V. Martin

Telephone #:

STREET & NUMBER

Route # 8, Box 249

CITY, TOWN

Hagerstown

VICINITY OF

STATE, zip code

Maryland 21740

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

Liber #: 385

Folio #: 241

COURTHOUSE,

REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Washington County Court House

STREET & NUMBER

West Washington Street

CITY, TOWN

Hagerstown

STATE

Maryland 21740

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE

DATE

☐ FEDERAL ☐ STATE ☐ COUNTY ☐ LOCALDEPOSITORY FOR
SURVEY RECORDS

CITY, TOWN

STATE

7 DESCRIPTION

WA-I-247

CONDITION

☒ EXCELLENT
☐ GOOD
☐ FAIR

☐ DETERIORATED
☐ RUINS
☐ UNEXPOSED

CHECK ONE

☐ UNALTERED
☒ ALTERED > 50%

CHECK ONE

☒ ORIGINAL SITE
☐ MOVED DATE _____

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

This house, barn and other farm buildings are situated at the end of a private lane leading in a northerly direction from Eden Road, east of Maugansville in Washington County, Maryland.

The house is situated on high ground above the west branch of Marsh Run and faces east.

It is a two story, four bay brick dwelling sheathed with modern brick veneer. Its foundations have been covered with concrete.

The windows are relatively small in relation to wall area and have two over two pane sashes. The main entrance is located in the second bay from the south end of the front elevation. A transom is included in the door framing.

The roof is sheathed with modern asphalt shingles. Brick chimneys are located inside each gable end. The owner indicated that a Ca. 1890 date had been found in the attic.

The barn is located south of the house. The farm contains 97 acres with the buildings being in good to excellent condition.

CONTINUE ON SEPARATE SHEET IF NECESSARY

8 SIGNIFICANCE

WA-I-247

PERIOD		AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW			
<input type="checkbox"/> PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNITY PLANNING	<input type="checkbox"/> LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> RELIGION	
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<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> ART	<input type="checkbox"/> ENGINEERING	<input type="checkbox"/> MUSIC	<input type="checkbox"/> THEATER	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMERCE	<input type="checkbox"/> EXPLORATION/SETTLEMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> PHILOSOPHY	<input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNICATIONS	<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRY	<input type="checkbox"/> POLITICS/GOVERNMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> OTHER (SPECIFY)	
		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION			

SPECIFIC DATES

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

Although the extensive alterations to this brick veneered house decrease its architectural significance, its four bay, off center front door plan represents an important local type.

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9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

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10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY 97 acres.

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE

COUNTY

STATE

COUNTY

11 FORM PREPARED BY

NAME / TITLE

Paula Stoner Dickey, Consultant

ORGANIZATION

Washington County Historical Sites Survey

DATE

January 1977

STREET & NUMBER

County Office Building, 33 West Washington Street

TELEPHONE

791-3065

CITY OR TOWN

Hagerstown

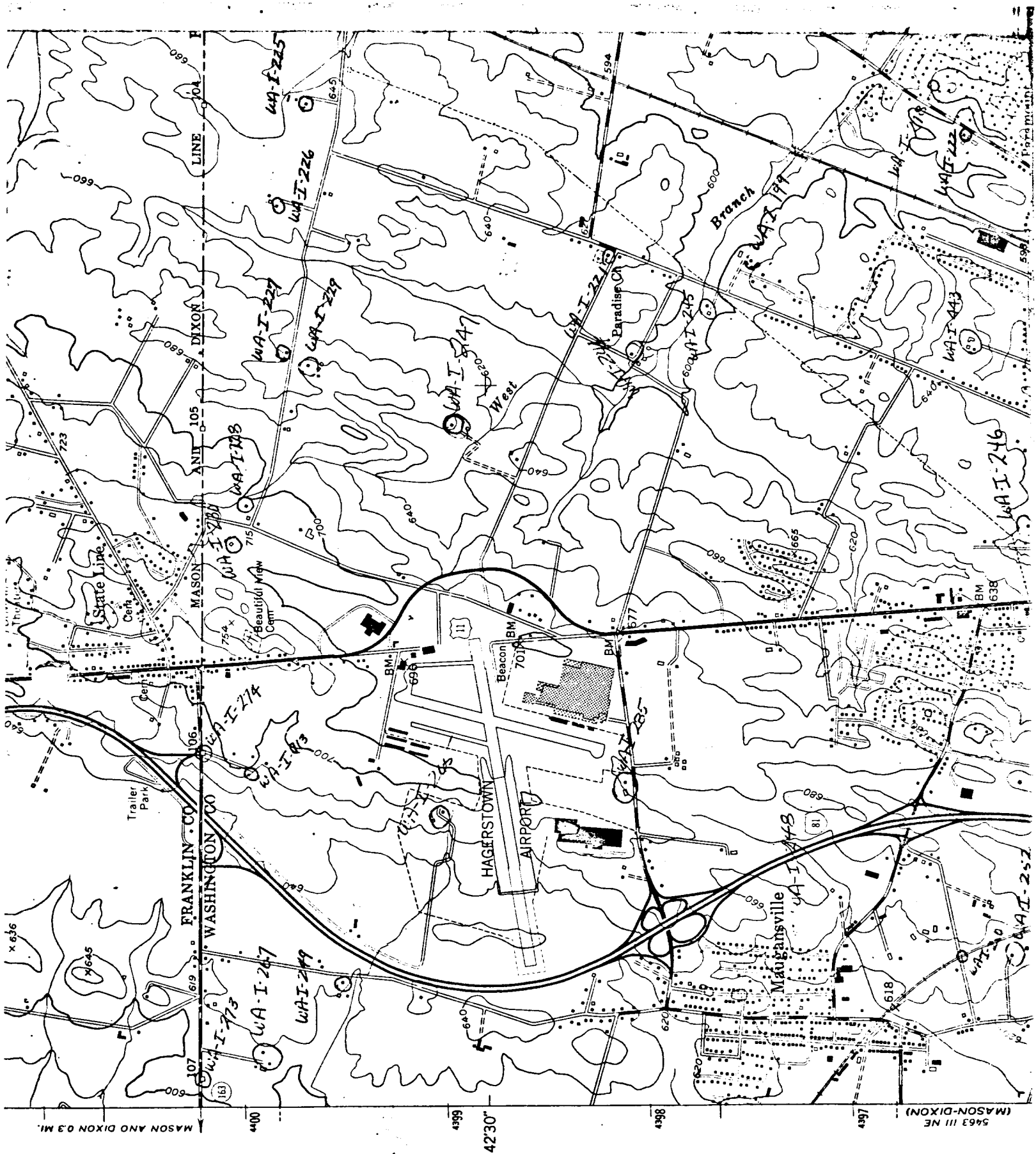
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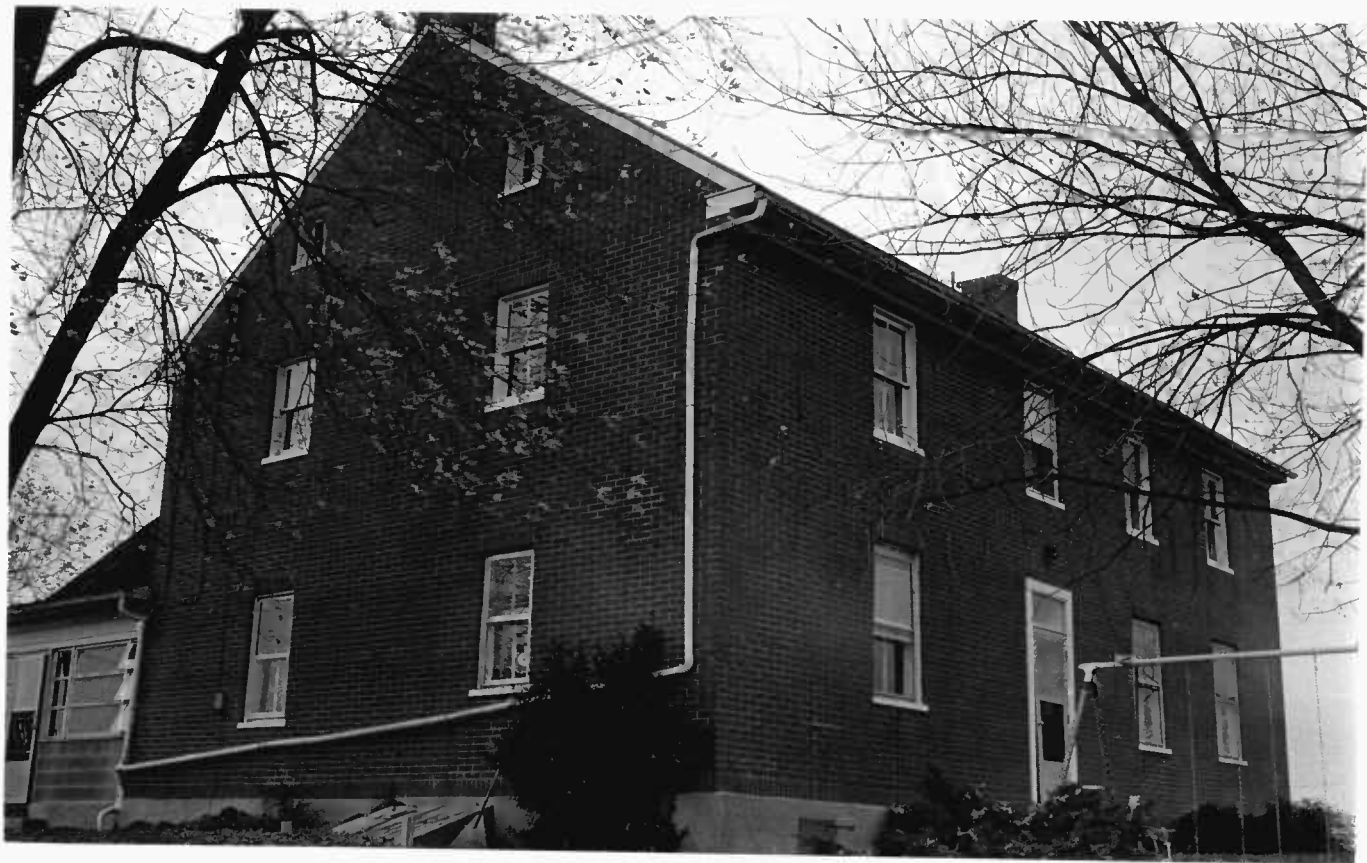
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The Shaw House, 21 State Circle
Annapolis, Maryland 21401
(301) 267-1438



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1915-1924

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1915-1924

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CONSULTANT, WASHINGTON CO.
HISTORICAL SITES SURVEY